ME GOT RAIN TODAY IN GRAND MARAIS!

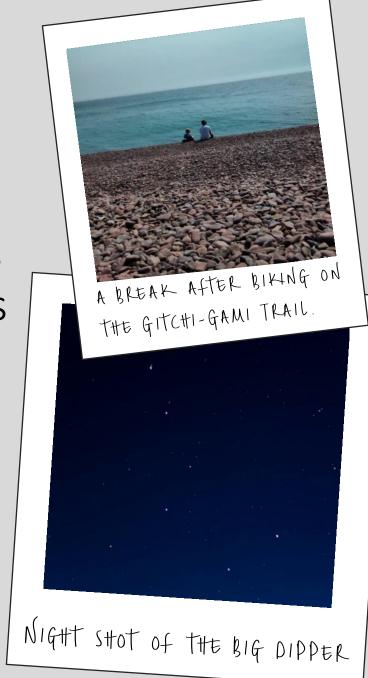
# Social values & social media:

Understanding place meaning in coastal regions through the Instagram lens

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# Climate Change & Coastal Recreation



Supply of recreation resources



Demand for outdoor rec & tourism



Outdoor recreation and tourism providers adapt



EVERYTHING, AND SO AWESOME!





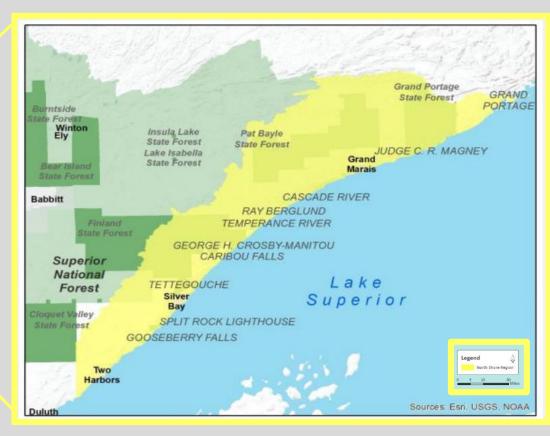


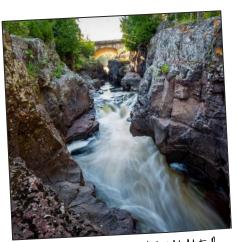


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# Study Area



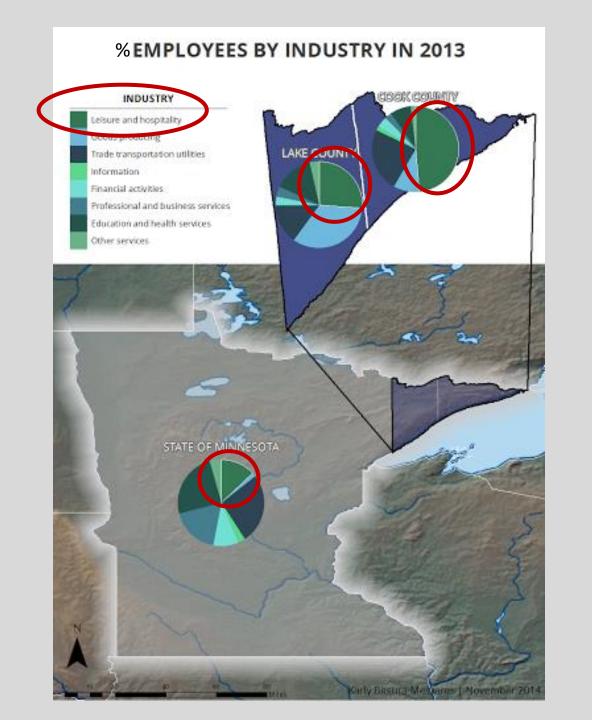




#MYNORTHSHORE #SUMMER #RIVER #WATERFALL



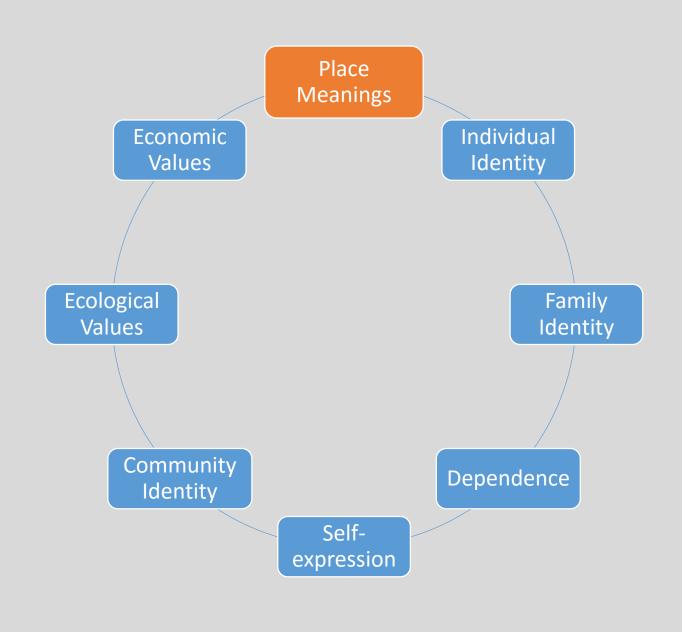
PERFECT DAY PADDLING ....



#### Photo-voice

- #mynorthshore
- Remove bias
- Tangible
- Efficient

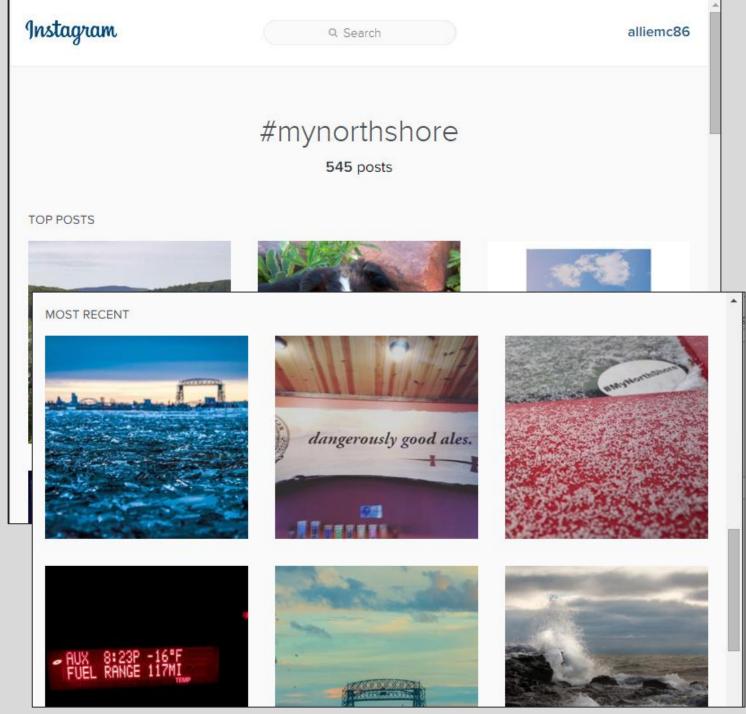




### Back at the lab...

- Data collection
  - Automated
  - Manual
  - Casual Search

www.Instagram.com







FOLLOW

28 likes

22w

matt\_stennes In my element matt\_stennes #MyNorthShore

jake.ober I have always wanted to go to the Great Lakes

matt\_stennes @jake.ober A must in life

# Data Analysis

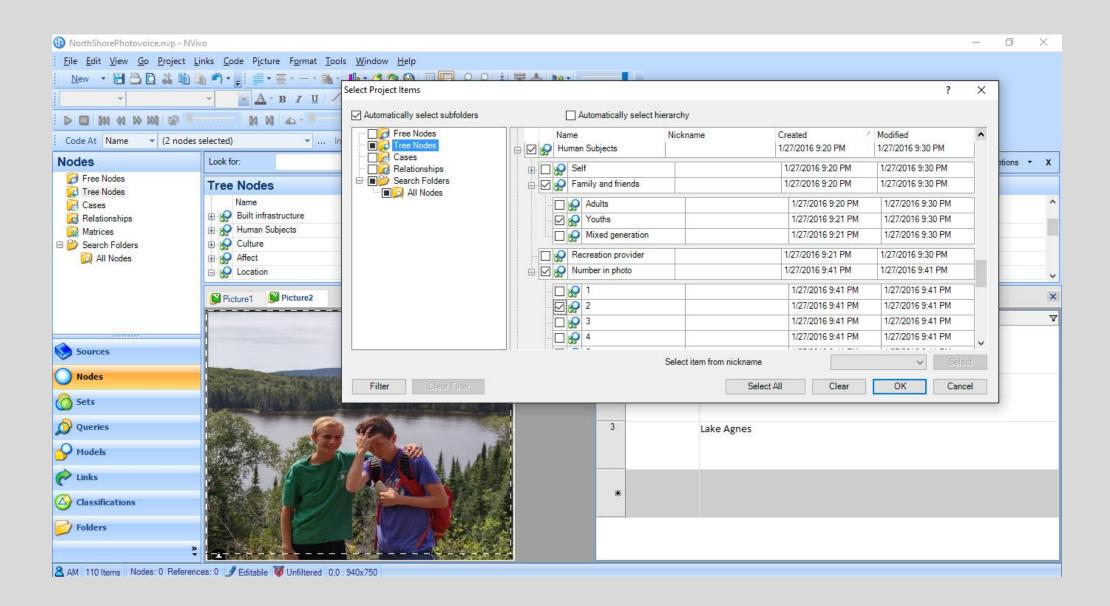
- Thematic coding
  - Word/phrase
  - Iterative process
- Creating the codebook
  - Literature
  - Preliminary review
- QSR Nvivo 8
  - Data organization software

Natural Resources Landscape Waterfalls... **Outdoor Recreation** Activities Constraints... **Built Infrastructure** Roads Buildings... Human Subjects Self Rec. Providers... Culture Ojibwe Food & drink...

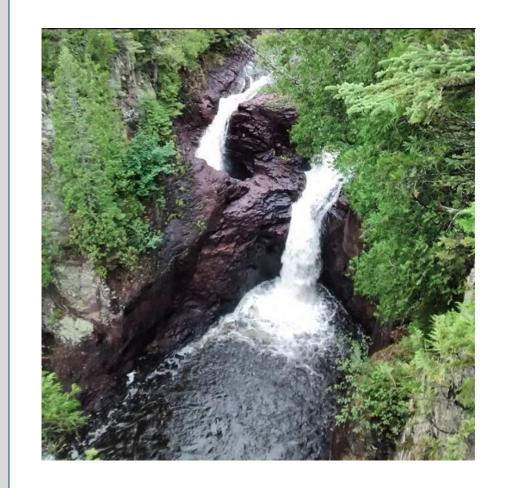
CONTINUING UP THE NORTH SHORE, WE HIKED AT TEMPERANCE RIVER. SERIOUS GORGE AND CLIFFS!

Affect

Positive Negative



Devil's Kettle Falls. Another great hike...and interesting too! The stream on the left falls into a huge gorge, and nobody knows where the water comes out. Hmm. #mynorthshore



#### Natural Resources



#### Outdoor recreation



# Human subjects



I'M ON A BOAT! ABOARD THE HJORDIS ENJOYING THE WAVES OF #LAKE SUPERIOR

# Built infrastructure



#BIKE RACK #GRANDMARAIS #COOKCOUNTY #WHOLEFOODS #COOP #MYNORTHSHORE

### Culture



THIS IS HOW WE START OUR VACATION DAYS!

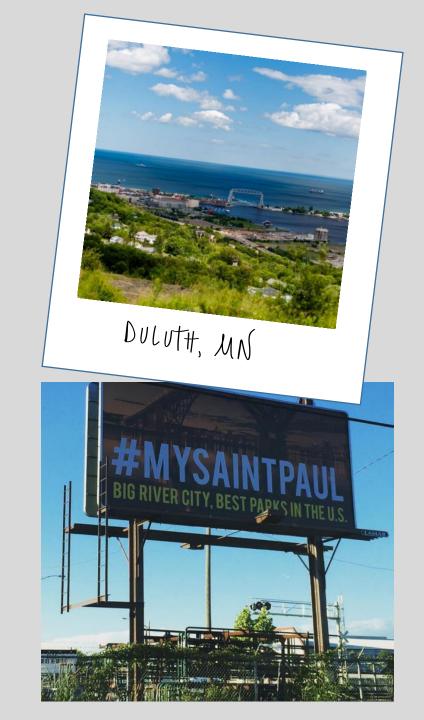
### Affect



#MACRO\_VISION #MAIN\_VISION #NOTHINGISORDINARY #MYNORTHSHORE

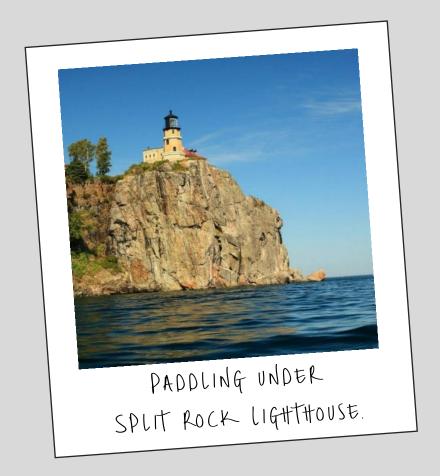
## **Implications**

- Emerging process (Metaxas & Mustafaraj, 2014)
  - Patterns
  - Central themes
- Understand place meanings
- Nurture sense of place (Rickard & Stedman, 2015)
  - Trust
  - Policy
  - Marketing
- Expand existing use of social media
  - Visitation (Wood, Guerry, Silver, & Lacayo, 2013)
  - Ecosystem services (Richards & Friess, 2015)

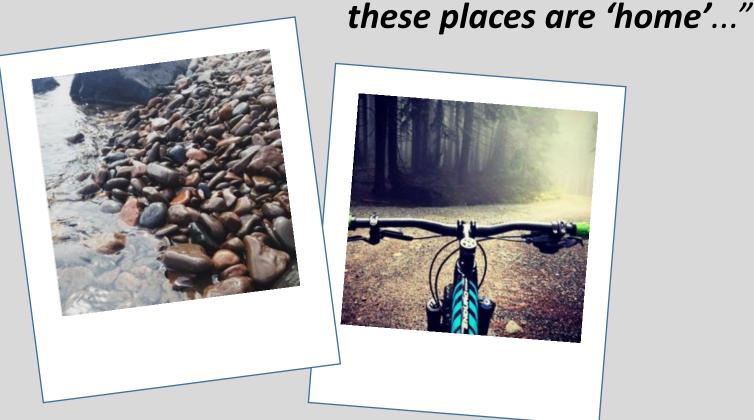


#### Future Research

- Assess benefit to stakeholders
  - Spring Workshops: March 2016
- Compare prompted & "organic" posts
  - Key terms, tags, text
- Map photos/themes
  - By theme



"Attachment to places is one of the most powerful among human emotions... [humans] associate themselves with places where their memories lie or where they expect future interactions, and they seek their 'selves' in the signs and symbols embedded there, perceiving themselves at the centre. For this reason, they load significant values to these places, and for many, whether residential or non-residential,



(Sancar & Severcan, 2010, p. 295)

